

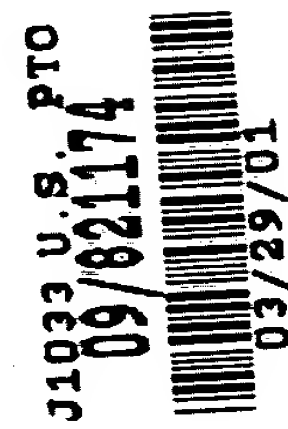
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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.
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An English translation of the specification of JP (A) 11-249152 is submitted herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

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